

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

So the bill (H.R. 2204) was deemed read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 6, 1995

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date; that no resolutions come over under the rule; that the call of the Calendar be dispensed with; that the morning hour be deemed to have expired; and that the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the hour of 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1833, regarding partial-birth abortions in status quo.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, it will be the majority leader's intention to move to proceed to House Joint Resolution 79, the constitutional amendment regarding flag desecration, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6. I hope between now and then we will have consent to go to that. We would like to complete action on this bill on December 7.

I know there has been an objection raised as to consideration. I hope we do not have to file cloture to proceed to this very important piece of legislation and that my colleagues may cooperate with us. If it takes that, we will pro-

ceed on that basis. I know we have at least 60 votes to proceed and I hope we have 60 votes if cloture is needed on the amendment itself.

We can expect votes to occur possibly on the constitutional amendment and can expect amendments to the partial-birth abortions bill.

Also, for the information of all my colleagues, the schedule for the next few days is as follows: As I said, tomorrow we will start at 10 a.m. on flag burning, or debate a motion to proceed to that measure; at 5 p.m., resume the partial-birth abortions bill. Therefore, late sessions can be anticipated.

On Thursday and Friday, complete action on partial-birth abortions if not previously disposed of; resume and, hopefully, complete action on the constitutional amendment regarding flag desecration.

Also, the Senate could be asked to consider any available appropriations conference reports once received from the House. We expect to receive State, Justice, Commerce from the House on Wednesday afternoon.

And then the following week, the State Department reorganization bill, S. 1441, if agreement cannot be reached to activate the original consent agreement of September 29, 1995, we will start on that bill on Monday.

Other items next week: Available appropriations conference reports; H.R. 660, fair housing exemption bill, hopefully under a time agreement of 1 hour. It may be that we can dispose of that this week.

There will be a Bosnia resolution next week. We are still in the process of drafting that resolution. We have had meetings today, and we hope to have additional discussions tomorrow and the next day. It is my hope that we can have some resolution that can be supported by a majority of our colleagues. I am not certain what day next week that will come up.

It is very likely next week there will also be a conference report on welfare

reform. I think we have about concluded the conference. I just ask my colleagues, the original bill passed in the Senate by a vote of 87 to 12. We believe we have retained most of the Senate provisions in the conference, and I ask my colleagues on both sides—this bill had strong bipartisan support—to take a close look.

Eighty-eight percent of the American people want welfare reform. We will have it on the floor, we hope, next week. We hope the President of the United States will sign it. In my view, it is a good resolution of differences between the House and the Senate. We still have one or two minor—well not minor—issues in disagreement we hope to resolve tomorrow, and then we hope to bring it up by midweek next week.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:19 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 5, 1995:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS A. SCHWARTZ, 000-00-0000

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER TO BE PLACED ON THE RETIRED LIST OF THE U.S. ARMY IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER SECTION 1370 OF TITLE 10, U.S.C.

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. PAUL E. FUNK, 000-00-0000